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Calendar

Saturday, May 12—Registration f Board members and local delegates — Conferences of state presidents and national chairmen—Meeting of National Board of Managers — Courtesy supper to National Board—Executive Committee meeting.

Sunday, May 13 — State Presidents Club luncheon—Tree planting ceremonial on State Capitol grounds —Drive and complimentary tea at Iowa State College at Ames—Vesper service.

Monday, May 14—Registration —Formal opening of Convention—Panel discussion—Informal reception—General sessions—Rehearsal of Mothersingers.

Tuesday, May 15—Rural "Early Bird" conference — Classes — Rehearsal of Mothersingers — Extension conference — Health session — Panel discussion — Informal conferences with National Board members—Conferences on Social Hygiene, Mental Hygiene, Summer Round-Up, Child Welfare Magazine —Election of officers — Public Forum.

Wednesday, May 16 — Men's Breakfast—Classes—Report of Election Committee—Exceptional Child Conference and demonstration — Panel discussions — Recreation evening.

Thursday, May 17 — Rural "Early Bird" conference—Classes—Conferences—Motion Picture Institute—Annual Banquet—New officers presented.

Friday, May 18 — Rural "Early Bird" conference—Classes—Closing session—Adoption of Resolutions—Invitations for 1935 Convention—Awards—Installation of officers—Post-Convention Board meeting.

Iowa State Capitol Grounds where the annual tree planting ceremony will take place Sunday afternoon, May 13, at 2:15.

The Future of the Forgotten Child—A Challenge

Our Convention theme, "The Future of the Forgotten Child," is a call for adults to realize their obligations to all children. The past few years have necessitated the consideration of wage earning to the exclusion of many vital factors in training and protecting children. The needs of the child, his health, his education, his religion, his home, his social outlook, are matters of concern to all members of our organization. We shall, therefore, discuss these topics at our annual Convention in Des Moines.—*Mrs. Hugh Bradford, National President.*

Des Moines is easy to reach from everywhere.

Remember the Date May 13-19

Meet your parent-teacher friends in Des Moines. Join them there for the Convention of the National Congress of Parents and Teachers, May 13-19. They will be discussing the future of America's children and you won't want to miss a word they say on this vital topic. Glance through the Preliminary Program on the next page and see for yourself.

Among the speakers will be such noted friends of children as Mrs. Harold Ickes, author and lecturer; Dr. Charles Gilkey, Dean of the University of Chicago; Mr. J. W. Studebaker, Superintendent of Schools, Des Moines; Dr. Charles Judd, University of Chicago; and, of course, many of the officers and chairmen of the National Congress will be there to assist in the program.

All work and no play would make a dull Convention, and to avoid this the program committee has arranged for occasional spots of fun—a play evening led by Mr. J. W. Faust, National Chairman of Recreation; a musical tea by the Des Moines Mothersingers; a banquet; and other events to liven up the Convention.

And the trip to this centrally located Convention City is surprisingly reasonable in cost. Railroad and bus rates are low. Roads are excellent if you want to drive your own automobile. At the Fort Des Moines, headquarters hotel, prices range from a minimum of $1.75 per person for a double room with bath. Still lower rates may be obtained at other hotels. In fact, you can't afford *not* to come. Why not plan now to include this delightful experience in your vacation trip this summer?

• • • Preliminary Convention Program • • •

General Sessions

Sunday

STATE PRESIDENTS CLUB LUNCHEON, 12 N.

TREE PLANTING CEREMONY, 2:15 P.M.

DRIVE TO IOWA STATE COLLEGE, AMES

COMPLIMENTARY TEA; VESPER SERVICE

Monday

REGISTRATION

FIRST GENERAL SESSION, 9:30 A.M.
- Greetings
- Responses
- Reports, Nominations

SECOND GENERAL SESSION, 1:30 P.M.
- "Educating the Child to Meet New Conditions," Mrs. Harold Ickes, Author and Lecturer
- "The School Looks to the Future," Mr. J. W. Studebaker, Supt., Des Moines Public Schools
- Educating for the New Leisure, Panel Discussion, Charl Williams, Chairman

INSPECTION OF EXHIBITS

THIRD GENERAL SESSION, 8 P.M.
- "The Child and His Religion," Dr. Charles Gilkey, Dean, University of Chicago

INFORMAL RECEPTION

Tuesday

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

FOURTH GENERAL SESSION, 9 A.M.
- Report of Credentials Committee
- First Reading of Resolutions
- Bylaws Revision

FIFTH GENERAL SESSION, 1:30 P.M.
- "Child Health Problems and Possibilities," Dr. Lillian R. Smith
- Health of the Forgotten Child, Panel Discussion, Mary E. Murphy, Chairman
- Informal Conferences with National Board Members

SIXTH GENERAL SESSION, 8 P.M.
- Public Forum; Presentation of Program, J. W. Studebaker
- "Equal and Adequate Educational Opportunity for the Forgotten Child," Dr. Charles Judd, University of Chicago
- National Mothersingers

Wednesday

SEVENTH GENERAL SESSION, 9:15 A.M.
- "Our Magazine," Mrs. Frederick Hosmer
- Report of Election Committee
- "Changing Vocations," Dr. Adelaide Baylor
- Social Outlook of the Forgotten Child, Panel Discussion, Newell W. Edson, Chairman

EIGHTH GENERAL SESSION, 1:30 P.M.
- "Laboring Children," Mrs. Clara M. Beyer, Director Industrial Division, Children's Bureau

NINTH GENERAL SESSION, 8 P.M.
- Recreation Evening, the National Family at Play; Conducted by J. W. Faust

Thursday

TENTH GENERAL SESSION, 9:15 A.M.
- The National Office Symposium
  - The Service of the National Office, W. Elwood Baker
  - Clearing House, Frances S. Hays
  - Leadership Training, Mrs. A. C. Watkins
  - Providing the Tools, Isa Compton
  - The Questions are the Answers, Mary Ferre
  - Health Preparedness, Ruth Bottomly
  - Parent Education, Alice Sowers
  - Telling the World, Clarice Wade
  - Field Secretary at Headquarters, Mrs. Charles E. Roe

ELEVENTH GENERAL SESSION, 1:30 P.M.
- "The Child and His Home," Dean M. E. Haggerty, University of Minnesota
- Appraising the Home, Panel Discussion

TWELFTH GENERAL SESSION, 7 P.M.

Banquet
- Toastmaster — Dr. Bruce E. Mahan, Director of Extension, University of Iowa
- Message from the Honorable Clyde L. Herring, Governor of Iowa
- Message from Miss Agnes Samuelson, Iowa Supt. Public Instruction
- "Enrichments of Life," Mrs. Max Mayer
- Presentation of New Officers
- Presentation of Guests of Honor

Friday

THIRTEENTH GENERAL SESSION, 9 A.M.
- How the P.T.A. Can Help the Child, Panel Discussion.
- Final Report of Credentials Committee
- Adoption of Resolutions
- Awards
- Invitations for 1935 Convention
- Adoption of Minutes
- Installation of Officers

Conferences

Saturday

National Chairmen's Conference, 9 A.M.

State Presidents' Conference, 9 A.M.

Monday

Councils, Mrs. C. E. Roe, 4:15 P.M.

Parent Education, Dr. Ada Hart Arlitt and Alice Sowers, 4:15 P.M.

Essentials of an Effective P.T.A., Frances S. Hays, 4:15 P.M.

Tuesday

Rural "Early Bird" Conference, Dr. W. M. Robinson, 7 A.M.

The National Family, Mrs. J. Sherman Brown, presiding, 9 A.M.
- Why Belong to the Family, Mary England
- Meeting the Family, Mrs. C. E. Roe
- Goals for the Family, Mrs. J. Sherman Brown
- Rural Members of the Family, Dr. William McKinley Robinson

Social Hygiene, Newell W. Edson, 4 P.M.

Mental Hygiene, ——— ———, 4 P.M.

Summer Round-Up, Dr. Lillian R. Smith, and Ruth Bottomly, 4 P.M.

Child Welfare Magazine, Miss Mary Ferre, 4 P.M.

• • Preliminary Program, Continued • • •

Wednesday

Public Welfare, Mrs. J. K. Pettengill, 9:15 A.M.
Telling the Publications Story, Isa Compton, 4:15 P.M.
Parent Education, Dr. Ada Hart Arlitt, 4:15 P.M.
Student Aid, Mrs. F. H. Devere, 4:15 P.M.

Thursday

Rural "Early Bird" Conference, Dr. W. M. Robinson, 7 A.M.
Publications, Isa Compton, 4 P.M.
Child Hygiene, Mary Murphy, 4 P.M.
Membership, Mrs. A. C. Watkins and Mrs. Charles E. Roe, 4 P.M.

Friday

Rural "Early Bird" Conference, Dr. William McKinley Robinson, 7 A.M.
Motion Pictures, Mrs. Robbins Gilman, 8 A.M.

Classes

Tuesday

Character Education, Dr. Joseph N. Artman, 8 A.M.
Legislation, Mrs. William T. Bannerman, 8 A.M.
Publicity, Clarice Wade, 8 A.M.
"Why the P.T.A. Needs Publicity," address by Anna Steese Richardson, Director, Good Citizenship Bureau, *Woman's Home Companion*
"Keeping Our Members Informed," address by Mrs. Frank Root
Parent Education, Dr. Ada Hart Arlitt and Alice Sowers, 8 A.M.

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Character Education, Dr. Joseph N. Artman, 8 A.M.
Legislation, Mrs. William T. Bannerman, 8 A.M.
Publicity, Clarice Wade, 8 A.M.
"Breaking Into Print," address by Catherine Oglesby, Associate Editor, *Ladies Home Journal*
"Publicity from a Newspaper Man's Point of View"
Social Hygiene, Newell W. Edson, 8 A.M.
Play Leadership, J. W. Faust, 4:15 P.M.

Thursday

Publicity, Clarice Wade, 8 A.M.
Parliamentary Law, Mrs. L. Cass Brown, 8 A.M.
Safety Education, Marian L. Telford, 8 A.M.
Parent Education, Dr. Ada Hart Arlitt and Alice Sowers, 8 A.M.
Play Classes, J. W. Faust, 4 P.M.

Friday

Character Education, Dr. Joseph N. Artman, 8 A.M.
Parliamentary Law, Mrs. L. Cass Brown, 8 A.M.
Parent Education, Dr. Ada Hart Arlitt and Alice Sowers, 8 A.M.

Tree Dedication

An oak tree dedicated to Mrs. Isaac Lea Hillis, Founder of the Iowa Congress, will be presented to the state. The Honorable Clyde L. Herring, Governor of Iowa, will accept the tree.

Convention Publicity and Exhibits

Exhibits based on the Convention theme, will show services and activities of the National Congress, state branches, councils, districts, and local units. Publicity recordbooks and procedure books chosen by the state branches will be included. A *Convention News* sheet will be published daily.

State Exhibits

The state section of the exhibits will include displays prepared by the states to illustrate the work done in each state, which may contain state, district, council, or local material. In addition, there will be further exhibits of state material prepared by the National Office. Please send to the National Office by April 10 three copies of any material which might be used for this purpose. A selection will be made from the material received. More complete instructions concerning the state section of the exhibits have been sent to all state presidents.

Nominees for Officers

The Nominating Committee has submitted the following nominees for officers of the National Congress of Parents and Teachers, 1934:

President .....Mrs. B. F. Langworthy
1st Vicepresident.....Mrs. J. K. Pettengill
2nd Vicepresident..Mrs. Hamilton Shaffer
3rd Vicepresident.....Mrs. Noyes D. Smith
4th Vicepresident,
Mrs. A. B. Shuttleworth
5th Vicepresident.....Mr. A. F. Harman
6th Vicepresident.....Mrs. C. H. Thorpe
7th Vicepresident.....Mrs. Simon Lapham
Secretary.....Mrs. Raymond Binford
Treasurer.....Mrs. B. I. Elliott

Signed: Nominating Committee,
Mrs. A. B. Shuttleworth
Mrs. B. C. Hopkins
Miss Charl Williams
Mrs. W. J. Hockett
Mrs. S. M. N. Marrs, *Chairman.*

Plan for Action

The Convention will concentrate the thinking of representative parents and teachers from every state upon a vital problem in America's recovery program—the future of her children. Out of this Convention will come definite plans for action which will enable the 1,500,000 members of the National Congress to direct their combined energy toward wisely correlated activities in behalf of all children.

Mrs. Hugh Bradford, National President, has appointed a committee to report practical suggestions from the Convention program on "What the parent-teacher associations may do for the child's future." Definite suggestions for programs and activities will be presented by this committee, composed of state presidents and members of the Executive Committee, at the closing session of the Convention on Friday, May 19.

Informal Conferences

The program has been planned to give ample opportunity for the delegates to meet national leaders for consultation and informal conferences. Time and place will be scheduled daily on the bulletin board.

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Des Moines has 1,000 acres devoted to parks, playgrounds, golf courses, and country clubs, providing a diversity of outdoor attractions.

General Information

Resolutions

Resolutions must be prepared in proper form and typed before presentation to the committee. All resolutions, except those from the conferences, must be in the hands of Mrs. A. F. Wood, Chairman, by 9:30 P.M., on Wednesday, May 16.

Meetings

All meetings during the official Convention shall be scheduled and no meetings shall be called without the sanction of the Convention Program Committee.

Registration

Registration of National Board members and local delegates will be held in the lobby of the Fort Des Moines Hotel, on Saturday, May 12, from 8:30 A.M. to 5 P.M. The Registration Booth will be open for all other delegates from 8:30 A.M. to 5 P.M., beginning Monday morning, May 14, until the close of the Convention, May 19. All delegates, both voting and visiting, should register at the Registration Booth. Voting delegates should present their credentials cards at the Credentials Booth. The registration fee of $1 admits voting and visiting delegates to all sessions and entertainments. Programs and Convention notebooks containing valuable material will be given to all registrants.

Absentee Delegates

A limited number of Convention delegates' notebooks, including the daily *Convention News,* will be available to "absentee delegates" at the close of the Convention. Congress members unable to attend the Convention may register as "absentee delegates" by sending the regular registration fee of $1 to the National Office before May 1. These registrations will be accepted, in the order received, on the closing day of the Convention as long as the supply of notebooks and *Convention News* last. Early registration is advisable for those desiring this service.

Special Features

Music—National and State Mothersingers will be heard in special numbers, under the direction of Mayme E. Irons, National Chairman of Music. Assembly singing will be led by Miss Irons and Mr. L. E. Watters, City Supervisor of Music, Des Moines Public Schools.

Panel Discussions will provide an opportunity for delegates to participate actively in the Convention.

Rural "Early Bird" Conferences will be held from 7 to 8 oclock each morning under the direction of Dr. William McKinley Robinson, National Chairman of Rural Service.

Men's Breakfast, Wednesday, 7 A.M.

Smouse School Demonstration, followed by Musical Tea, Des Moines Mothersingers, Wednesday, 3 P.M.

Motion Picture Institute, Mrs. Robbins Gilman, Thursday, 9:15 A.M.

Convention Chairmen

General Chairman of Convention—Mrs. B. C. Hopkins, 3315 Beaver Avenue, Des Moines

Local Chairman of Arrangements—Mrs. S. E. Lincoln, 415 Shops Building, Des Moines

Local Chairman of Hospitality—Mrs. Paul C. Carroll, 2220 East 32nd Street, Des Moines

Resolutions

Mrs. A. F. Wood, Texas President, is chairman of the Resolutions Committee composed of Mrs. D. W. Stewart, Mrs. Francis Blake, Mrs. E. L. Baker, Mrs. A. B. Shuttleworth, Mrs. Simon Lapham, Mrs. W. J. Hockett, Miss Marian Telford, Mrs. Haven Sawyer, Miss Adelaide Baylor, Mrs. F. Donald Carpenter, Mrs. Fred M. Raymond, Mrs. William T. Bannerman, and Mrs. M. P. Summers.

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Mrs. E. L. Baker, Chairman of the State Presidents Conference will preside at the State Presidents Conference on Saturday.

Special Railroad Rates

Special railroad rates of one and one-third fare for the round trip to Des Moines may be obtained at all stations in the United States upon presentation of an Identification Certificate, which may be secured from the state president by member of a local Congress unit. Consult your local ticket agent concerning date of sale, stopovers, routes, or other information. For those going by way of Chicago it may prove economical to take advantage of the World's Fair rate, using the Convention rate from Chicago to Des Moines. Write your state president for further details.

Hotel Rates

Headquarters: Fort Des Moines Hotel

Reservations should be made directly with the hotel as early as possible, since they are honored in the order of receipt. Rates are quoted for the lowest priced rooms only and do not include meals. All rooms have baths adjoining. Fort Des Moines Hotel—

Single, $2.50; double, $3.50.

Rooms in other hotels range from $1 up.

For information on other hotels, write the National Office.

Information on tea rooms and cafes will be found in the Convention Notebook.

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Des Moines leads the Nation in home ownership. A motorcade among its beautiful homes, floral parks, public buildings, and many other points of interest, a visit to the Municipal Observatory, the Brown marine exhibit, Fort Des Moines Cavalry Post, State House and Historical Building, Civic Center and business district affords much of interest and pleasure to Convention visitors.

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Mrs. M. D. Wilkinson, President of the State Presidents Club, will preside at the annual luncheon of the Club on Sunday.